

### **REMARKS**

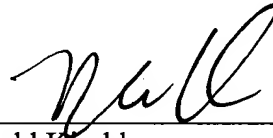
Claims 25-37 and 39-43 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 25-29, 37 and 39-41 are allowed. The Examiner has indicated that claim 34 and claim 42 contain patentable subject matter since these claims would be allowable if rewritten into independent form to include all of the limitations of their base and intervening claims. By this Amendment, Applicants have canceled the rejected claims and rewritten the objected to claims (34 and 42) into independent form. As such, the application is in form for immediate allowance and issue.

Applicants have made the amendments *solely* to allow a patent to issue including certain embodiments of the present invention. Applicants still maintain the allowability of the features of the canceled claims and intend to pursue their prosecution and allowance in a continuing application.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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